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FY 2001-02 and FY 2002-03 for the development of a new respite program also use for the implementation of such programs. Section 71-428 containing a definition of respite care services in the act is an outright appeal (sic). Senator Byars has filed an amendment to the committee amendment to change that portion of the bill. That's what I said that really we had three amendments, there's really...or three bills, there's really two, because this was part of that. Then we have technical changes that are made to Sections 5, 6, 21 of the bill relating to the licensure of physicians and osteopathic physicians who have been engaged in active practice in another state preceding licensure or relicensure in Nebraska, and to Section 48 relating to the establishment of nursing home administrator fees, requiring that such fees be established in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Nebraska Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure. With that, Mr. President, I would ask for adoption of the committee amendment, and I understand there is an amendment to that committee amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN:      Mr. Clerk, amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK:      Senator Byars would move to amend, AM3312. (Legislative Journal pages 1216-1217.)

SENATOR COORDSEN:      Senator Byars, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BYARS:      Thank you, Mr. President.      Colleagues, as Chairman of the Health Committee Senator Jensen said, LB 896, which made some revisions in how respite care as we passed it in LB 148 was to be regulated, was introduced. This amendment is an agreement between the Department of Regulation and Licensure and those individuals responsible for providing respite care to individuals across the state of Nebraska. I think it's a reasonable amendment. The department is in agreement with this amendment. We may have one small change on Select File but it was agreed upon between those providers and the department that we would move forward with this amendment, and basically what it does is define respite care service, who is and who is not to be